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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Philippe CROS et al.

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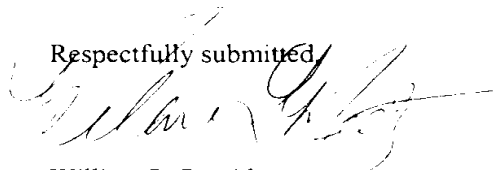
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